

CLAIM LISTING SHOWING CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-56 (Canceled)

57. (New) A harness adapted to be worn by a person having a torso, a chest and shoulders, comprising:

(A) an elongated waist piece having a bottom edge and a top edge and including a first end portion with a first end, an opposite second end portion with a second end and a central portion therebetween, said first and second end portions including cooperative fastening elements operative to fasten together thereby to secure said waist piece around the torso of the person in a mounted state with said central portion confronting the chest of the person, said waist piece including a plurality of spaced-apart first connector elements disposed thereon proximately to the bottom edge thereof;

(B) a pair of shoulder straps that extend across the shoulders of the person when in the mounted state, one said shoulder strap interconnecting said central portion and said first end portion and another said shoulder strap interconnecting said central portion and said second end portion, wherein said pair of shoulder straps are secured such that they cross one another at the back of the person when in the mounted state but do not cross one another when not in the mounted state; and

(C) an elongated strap member having an adjustable effective length so as to define opposite strap member ends, said strap member including a fastener at each end thereof, each said fastener adapted to connect to said connector elements to selectively secure the ends of said strap thereto.

58. (New) A harness adapted to be worn by a person having a torso, a chest and shoulders, comprising:

(A) an elongated waist piece having a bottom edge and a top edge and including a first end portion with a first end, an opposite second end portion with a second end and a central portion therebetween, said first and second end portions including cooperative fastening elements operative to fasten together thereby to secure said waist piece around the torso of the person in a mounted state with said central portion confronting the chest of the person, said waist piece including a plurality of spaced-apart first connector elements disposed thereon proximately to the bottom edge thereof and a plurality of belt loops disposed thereon;

(B) at least one shoulder strap interconnecting said central portion and one of said first and second end portions so as to extend across one of the shoulders of the person when in the mounted state; and

(C) an elongated strap member having an adjustable effective length so as to define opposite strap member ends, said strap member including a fastener at each end thereof, each said fastener adapted to connect to said connector elements to selectively secure the ends of said strap thereto, wherein said belt loops are sized and configured to receive said strap member therethrough.

59. (New) A harness adapted to be worn by a person having a torso, a chest and shoulders, comprising:

(A) an elongated waist piece having a bottom edge and a top edge and including a first end portion, an opposite second end portion and a central portion therebetween, said first and second end portions having an end portion width as measured between said bottom and top edges and said central portion having a central portion width as measured between said bottom and top edges with the end portion width being about one-half of the central portion width, said first and second end portions including cooperative fastening elements operative to fasten together thereby to secure said waist piece around the torso of the person in a mounted state with said central portion confronting the chest of the person, said waist piece including a plurality of spaced-apart first connector elements and a plurality of belt loops disposed thereon;

(B) at least one shoulder strap interconnecting said central portion and one of said first and second end portions so as to extend across one of the shoulders of the person when in the mounted state; and

(C) said elongated strap member having an adjustable effective length so as to define opposite strap member ends, said strap member including a fastener at each end thereof, said fastener adapted to connect to said first connector elements to selectively secure the ends of said strap thereto, wherein said belt loops are sized and configured to receive said strap member therethrough.

60. (New) A harness adapted to be worn by a person having a torso, a chest and shoulders, comprising:

(A) an elongated waist piece having a bottom edge and a top edge and including a first end portion, an opposite second end portion and a central portion therebetween, said first and second end portions including cooperative fastening elements operative to fasten together thereby to secure said waist piece around the torso of the person in a mounted state with said central portion confronting the chest of the person, said waist piece including a plurality of spaced-apart belt loops disposed thereon and including a plurality of first connector elements disposed thereon, wherein there is a said first connector element associated with each of said belt loops;

(B) at least one shoulder strap interconnecting said central portion and one of said first and second end portions so as to extend across one of the shoulders of the person when in the mounted state; and

(C) an elongated strap member having an adjustable effective length so as to define opposite strap member ends, said strap member sized and configured to removeably engage said belt loops and including a fastener at each end thereof, said fasteners adapted to connect to each other and independently to said connector elements to selectively secure the ends of said strap thereto.

61. (New) A harness adapted to be worn by a person having a torso, a chest and shoulders, comprising:

(A) an elongated waist piece having a bottom edge and a top edge and including a first end portion, an opposite second end portion and a central portion therebetween, said first and second end portions including cooperative fastening

elements operative to fasten together thereby to secure said waist piece around the torso of the person in a mounted state with said central portion confronting the chest of the person, said waist piece including a plurality of spaced-apart belt loops disposed thereon and including a plurality of first connector elements disposed thereon, wherein there is a central said belt loop located medially between said first and second ends and wherein there are intermediate said belt loops with there being one intermediate said belt loop element located intermediately between the central said belt loop and the first end of said waist piece and such that there is another intermediate said belt loop located intermediately between the central said belt loop and the second end of said waist piece;

(B) at least one shoulder strap interconnecting said central portion and one of said first and second end portions so as to extend across one of the shoulders of the person when in the mounted state; and

(C) an elongated strap member having an adjustable effective length so as to define opposite strap member ends, said strap member sized and configured to removeably engage said belt loops and including a fastener at each end thereof, said fasteners adapted to connect to each other and independently to said connector elements to selectively secure the ends of said strap thereto.